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14 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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16 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

16 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO. 20-CR-00249 RS
	)	
17 Plaintiff,	)	UNITED STATES' EX PARTE APPLICATION
	)	AND [PROPOSED] ORDER PERMITTING
18 v.	)	DISCLOSURE OF GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPTS
	)	
19 ROWLAND MARCUS ANDRADE,	)	
	)	
20 Defendant.	)	
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21 _____	)	

22 The United States respectfully requests an Order under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure  
23 6(e)(3)(E)(i) authorizing the government to provide defendant's counsel transcripts of the grand jury  
24 testimony of three civilian witnesses. The trial in this matter is scheduled to begin on February 11, 2025.

25 The secrecy provisions of Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e) provide in part that: "The court  
26 may authorize disclosure—at a time, in a manner, and subject to any other conditions that it directs—of a  
27 grand-jury matter . . . (i) preliminarily to or in connection with a judicial proceeding." Fed. R. Crim. P.  
28 6(e)(3)(E)(i). In *U.S. Industries, Inc. v. United States District Court*, 345 F.2d 18 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied*,

382 U.S. 814 (1965), the Ninth Circuit held that when the reasons for the policy of secrecy “do not apply at all in a given situation, or apply to only an insignificant degree, the party seeking disclosures should not be required to demonstrate a large compelling need.” *Id.* at 21. The Ninth Circuit listed five policy considerations underlying the need for grand jury secrecy:

(1) To prevent the escape of those whose indictment may be contemplated;  
 (2) to insure the utmost freedom to the grand jury in its deliberations, and to prevent persons subject to indictment or their friends from importuning the grand jurors; (3) to prevent subornation of perjury or tampering with the witnesses who may testify before the grand jury and later appear at the trial of those indicted by it; (4) to encourage free and untrammelled disclosures by persons who have information with respect to the commission of crimes; (5) to protect the innocent accused who is exonerated from disclosures of the fact that he has been under investigation, and from the expense of standing trial where there was no probability of guilt.

*Id.* at 22 (quoting *United States v. Amazon Ind. Chem. Corp.*, 55 F.2d 254 (D. Md. 1931)).

In this case, the policy considerations requiring secrecy over the transcripts apply with diminished force. The matter is set soon to proceed to trial. *See In re William H. Pflaumer & Sons, Inc.*, 53 F.R.D. 464, 470 (E.D. Penn. Oct. 14, 1971) (stating that “once a grand jury has concluded its work, the courts have, to some degree, relaxed the secrecy principle”). At trial, disclosing the testimony of three civilian witnesses presented to the grand jury would not implicate these policy concerns. Moreover, disclosure of the grand jury testimony is in the interest of justice because it will permit defendant’s counsel to have potential Jencks Act materials before trial pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3500.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e)(3)(E)(i), the United States may supply counsel for the defendant in this case with three transcripts of the grand jury testimony of civilian witnesses presented to the grand jury in the investigation that led to this case.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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HON. RICHARD SEEBORG  
Chief United States District Judge